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- 1. SWEDISH RIKSDAG DEFENSE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ANDERS THUNBORG HAS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN AN EARLY VISIT TO WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS EXPANDING SWEDISH-AMERICAN COLLABORATION IN DEFENSE RGD. THIS INTEREST FOLLOWS SWEDISH DECISION TO REDUCE THEIR R&D BUDGET AND TO ATTEMPT TO ELIMINATE AREAS WHICH DUPLICATE U.S. EFFORTS.
- 2. IN ADDITION SWEDEN IS NOW IN THE PLANNING STATE FOR A FOLLOW-ON AIRCRAFT TO THE VIGGEN. ONE CONCEIVABLE ALTERNATIVE IN THEIR CONSIDERATION IS THE PURCHASE OF A U.S. AIRCRAFT.
- 3. MR. THUNBORG HAS INDICATED THAT HE WOULD WELCOME AN INVITATION TO VISIT THE DEFENSE DEPT TO DISCUSS THESE ISSUES. THE MOST APPROPRIATE TIMING WOULD BE MID-TO-LATE JUNE. THE VISIT WOULD BE OF AN INFORMAL NATURE FOR THE PURPOSE OF STRAIGHT-FORWARD DISCUSSION.
- 4. WE RECOMMEND THAT INVITATION BE ISSUED. STRAUSZ-HUPE CONFIDENTIAL

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